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I'm just saying. All this otherworldly stuff--

--even if it *is* a little... icky right now. We ought to enjoy it.

Like--Irey-- what about that *game* you love? You're always saying you want us to take an interest...

...oh puh-leez, Mom. ***Crypts 'n' Carnivores*** is a sophisticated narrative experience, exploring sociopolitical themes through the lens of deconst--destroc-- ironic post-Tolkien fantasy.

Uh-huh. And who is it you're pretending to be?

It's not ***pretending.*** It's ***role-pl--***

She's a ***werecheetah*** ranger with electro-claws and authority issues.

Thank you, Jai. And I bet you're some sort of-- ***druid?*** Dark loner with a mystical secret...?

THAT'S... h-how did you kn--

You're being ***highly*** not-cool, Mom.

SO I GUESS YOUR ***DAD*** WOULD HAVE TO BE, *uh--*

--THE ***KNIGHT,*** RIGHT?!

--THE KNUCKLE-DRAGGING ***BARBARIAN*** WHO RUSHES IN, WAVING HIS CLUB...

Y'know, THIS IS KINDA ***FUN!*** NOW ALL WE GOTTA DO IS FIGURE OUT ***MY*** ROLE AND THE WORLD-SHAKING, VILLAINOUS THREAT, THEN--

LIN...? I, *uh...* I THINK THAT LAST PART'S ABOUT TO ANSWER ITSELF, HON.

BETTER ***MASK UP,*** GUYS.

HELLO, FLASH. TURNED OUT *SUNNY* AGAIN, *huh?*

PREPARE TO DO BATTLE.

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WEATHER WIZARD...?

Is that a *dinosaur-skin* loincloth?

"DO BATTLE"? Jeez.

AWWWESOME.

ALL RIGHT, TIME-OUT, ***TIME-OUT.***

SOMETHING'S ***CLEARLY*** MESSED UP HERE. THIS PLACE IS--

--I don't know--

--MAKING EVERYTHING ALL ***POMPOUS*** AND ***GRIMDARK,*** OR--

YOU HAVE NOT FELT THE CALL. YOU CANNOT UNDERSTAND.

BY THE SEVEN-POINTED STAR OF THE OLD ONES, I SHALL UNLEASH SUCH ***METEOROLOGICAL MAELSTROMS*** AS HAVE ***NEVER*** B--

--coolcoolcool-- ***OOORRRR--*** NUTTY IDEA-- YOU ***COULD,*** *y'know...*

...TALK IT OUT?

Like, THIS WORLD'S ***CLEARLY*** REACTIVE TO OUR THOUGHTS AND IDEAS.

I HAPPEN TO BELIEVE THAT THE POWER OF ***NARRATIVE*** IS PRETTY ***ABSOLUTE*** ANYWAY, SO IF WE JUST... COMPARE NOTES, SHARE STORIES, I'M ***SURE*** THIS WHOLE THING WILL...

...

Oh no. I just realized.

I'm the $%€£ bard.

FWIGHT!

Huh. MAGICAL WEATHER-BARRIER. DIDN'T SEE *THAT* COMING.

WUHF! WUHF!

THAT'S NOT FAIR!

I WANNA BATTLE TOO!

Rrrrr! I CAN'T EVEN *SENSE* THEM!

HEY, I BET IF I COPY DAD'S *ENERGY SIGNATURE* AGAIN, I CAN--

IREY, I COULD POP THAT THING LIKE A WHITEHEAD IF I HAD TO. BUT WE WON'T GET A BETTER CHANCE THAN THIS.

FAMILY SECRETS. UNCANNY DOG. NEW POWERS.

YOU WANTED TO TALK.

I CAN... *FEEL* STUFF. DAD SAID *HE* COULD TOO.

THE GLOW.

RIGHT. EXACTLY. EVERY TIME SOMETHING MOVES...LIVES... *CHANGES*...

...IT'S LIKE I CAN ALMOST... SEE ITS TRAIL. FORWARD AND BACKWARD. THE WHOLE STORY...

...IT'S... BECAUSE **DARKSEID DIED,** RIGHT? REALITY'S OUT OF WHACK.

That's... *part* of it.

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

Uh. I GUESS I CAN SORTA... **USE** IT. THAT GLOW. I CAN **BORROW** IT. **COPY** IT.

I USED DAD'S POWERS TO GET INTO THE WATCHTOWER. I-- I OUGHT TO BE **EXCITED,** BUT...

Hhh.

Listen, *ob*viously you're still a weird little booger brain, but...

...YOU'VE CHANGED TOO. ALL MYSTERIOUS SMILES AND... AND...

...DRUID VIBES.

Yeah. AND I GUESS... I MISS BEING ABLE TO-- SHARE NOTES.

I *miss you.*

IREY, WE'RE IN A MAGIC REALM, SHIELDED FROM THE SOURCE OF OUR POWERS.

WE SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO USE THEM HERE **AT ALL**-- LET ALONE GET **NEW** ONES.

ONLY WAY IT MAKES SENSE TO ME?

IS IF WE BROUGHT A NEW POWER SOURCE **WITH** US.

WUFF

HAAA!!

TRIP

wuhh

SOMETHING **WRONG,** FLASH?

COULD IT BE THAT A THIN COVER OF **SORCEROUS STRATUS** SHIELDS YOU FROM YOUR **PROSAIC POWER?**

The heck's gotten into you, Mardon? YOU **DO** KNOW YOU'RE NOT A **REAL** WIZARD-- RIGHT?

YOU'RE PRETTY MUCH THE **DEFINITION** OF A SUCKY **SCIENCE VILLAIN.**

THIS IS **SKARTARIS,** WARRIOR. DOMINION OF THE SEVEN-POINTED CITADEL!

HERE--

--SCIENCE IS MAGIC!

FLASH!

I-it's... fine. I m-may not... ...be fast...

...BUT I'VE BEEN KICKING ROGUE ASS AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER.

YES. YES! ONLY THE STRONG MAY ENTER THE JOYFUL COURT! LET US CONTEST WITHOUT HATRED-- ONLY RAGE!

THE Barbarians.

Sssss...

Okay, so... YOU REMEMBER THE ***DEEP CHANGE?*** THE... ***UNKNOWABLE BEING*** THAT EMANATES ***TIME...?***

Uhhhhh. I thought we were ***done*** with all the ***trippy science junk.***

POINT IS, IT WENT THROUGH A CHANGE OF ITS OWN. AND-- ABOUT THE SAME TIME-- DARKSEID CROAKS, THE MULTIVERSE GETS CUT OFF, *yada yada.*

WAS ONE A REFLECTION OF THE OTHER? HARD TO SAY. BUT EVERYTHING'S ***NEW*** NOW. EVERYTHING'S... ***MALLEABLE.***

Yeah, yeah, yeah, GOD HAD A BABY, NBD. I WAS ***THERE.*** SO?

SO DIDN'T YOU WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO IT?

WUFF!

...I JUST FIGURED... I don't know... IT... ...***ASCENDED...*** OR--

IREY-- IT'S THE MOST ***AWESOMELY CREATIVE FORCE*** CONCEIVABLE. IT'S THE SEED OF A NEW ***EVERY-THING.***

IT'S MORE ALIEN THAN WE CAN IMAGINE, BUT... WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT ***JUUUUUST*** RIGHT?

IT'S SMALL... AND KIND OF GOOFY... AND IT LIKES BUTT SCRATCHES... AND IT DEFINITELY, ***DEFINITELY*** CAN'T SURVIVE ON ITS OWN.

BUT...

...THAT'S...

N-NO.

THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE. I CAN ***FEEL*** THE STORIES. LIKE-- EVEN BEFORE WE WERE BORN! FOXY'S ***ALWAYS*** BEEN THERE, RIGHT BY DAD'S SIDE.

WUFF?

Come on. YOU THINK A SUPER-DIMENSIONAL ENTITY THAT ***LITERALLY DREAMS TIME*** CAN'T PUT A FEW CRINKLES INTO ***MEMORY?***

WE HELPED THE DEEP CHANGE GIVE BIRTH, IREY. OUR FAMILY'S...

...LOVE. OUR ***CONNECTIONS.***

IS IT SO WEIRD THAT IT SAW US AS A PERFECT ***NURSERY,*** TOO?

HAVE SOME OF *THIS*--

--YA PIECE OF--

S-SPEED FORCE BURST... WHERE DID TH--?

FLASH! LOOK OUT!

ZAP

...Flash...

Wh-what's happening to me...?

YOU'RE **BREAKING UP,** WARRIOR. LIKE A CRUDE SPELL UNRAVELING...

...PERHAPS YOU WERE NEVER FULLY HERE AT ALL...

Hrrr. Focus. ***Focus.***

MRAAAAAA!

KRAK

HEY-- DO YOU THINK HE KNOWS?

WHAT? THAT HE'S AN UNTHINKABLY POWERFUL ULTRABEING, UNCONSTRAINED BY MATH?

I DON'T KNOW.

WUFF!

I JUST WANT HIM TO KNOW HE'S THE GOODEST BOY OF ALL.

SEEMS LIKE A DECENT START FOR A NEW REALITY.

WUFF

...by the seven-pointed star of the ancients...

OA!!

I--I NEED YOU! I FIGURED IT OUT! THE PATTERN! I HAVE TO **GO BACK!**

Huh?

I CAN'T GET BACK THE SAME WAY-- stupid poopyhead grown-ups took the ID card!

--AND--AND-- AND I CAN'T SPEED BACK TO THE SURFACE ANYWAY-- WE'VE WALKED TOO FAR FROM THE TUNNEL!

DAD'S POWERS QUIT WHEN HE WAS A MILE FROM FOXY--

Slow down, SLOW DOWN. WHAT ARE YOU ***TALKING*** ABOUT?

THE WATCHTOWER! THE WORLDWIDE WAVE OF HATE! I FIGURED IT OUT! Y-YOU CAN JUMP ME THERE, RIGHT? THAT WAS ONE OF YOUR FIRST POWERS! YOU CAN LEAP US TO OTHER SPEEDSTERS!

NO, WE-- WE GOTTA STAY HERE. I MEAN-- WE CAN'T TAKE FOXY AWAY. DAD'S SCREWED WITHOUT HIS POWERS!

Besides... HE'S AN ACTUAL INFANT COSMOS, IREY.

WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE HIM ON HIS OWN.

Rrrrrrrr! FINE!

WUFF?

IF I CAN COPY DAD'S SIGNATURE, I CAN DEFINITELY COPY YOURS.

WHAT? NO! IREY, STOP-- IT'S--IT'S NOT JUST TELEPORTING!

IT'S RESHAPING SPACE-TIME TO QUANTUMLY ENTANGLE WITH-- well, it's-- --it's complicated, but--

BLIP

Oh crap.

WF

Hm. STILL STRONG. M-MOST CHALLENGERS HAVE **YIELDED** BY NOW...

...hrrr... ...THE MAGIC... THE POWER... IN FLUX...

...DOESN'T MATTER... ONLY THE CALL MATTERS... YOU HEAR IT, YES? YOU **UNDERSTAND.**

Y-YES. YES, WE MUST **RAGE...** S-SO THAT ONLY THE MIGHTY REMAIN...

...TO BASK...

...IN THE GIFT...

...OF...

...JOY.

KONK

NEVER FORGET THE $%&£# BAAAAAARD!

uh.

THIS, uhm. THIS M-M-MAYBE ISN'T **ACTUALLY** AS EASY AS HE MAKES IT LOOK... uhm...

...uhm...

aaaaohcrapohcrapohcr

HOLD STILL!

YOU'RE SLIDING **OUT OF EXISTENCE.**

NICE WORK, **DOOFUS.**

THANK YOU-- --THANK YOU-- --THANK YOU-- --THANK YOU-- --THANK YOU-- --THANK YOU-- --TH YO

WHO EVEN ARE YOU TRYING TO **JUMP** TO? IT ONLY WORKS TO OTHER **CONDUITS.**

UNCLE **JAY'S** OFF THE GRID... WALLACE IS IN CEN-CIT... THE ONLY SPEEDSTER I CAN SENSE ON THE **WATCHTOWER** IS...

Huh... That's **weird...**

WOOF

This takes place before the events of **JUSTICE LEAGUE UNLIMITED** #2! --Chris 'Continuity' Rosa

...D...

Right. RIGHT, YEAH. TEMPORAL SPLITS. THAT'S SMART.

WHAAAT?

Feel your pain, man. ***Bring Your Kids to Work Day*** should be ***once a year,*** max.

AREN'T YOU ***MAD?*** HE ***DIDN'T TELL US!***

Oh, sure, because ***we've*** got no secrets either?

Look, WE SHOULDN'T LEAVE FOXY ALONE. I LEFT ONE OF MY ***MINI-MEs*** SO I CAN GET BACK TO HIM. DO WHAT YOU GOTTA DO, OKAY? I'LL COME GET YOU IN LIKE-- AN ***HOUR?***

WAIT! *TIME'S DIFFERENT DOWN THERE! THAT'LL BE FFFFORREE..*

Huh.
SOME SORT OF *INTERFERENCE.* MAYBE THE MAGIC...?
GUESS IF I JUST... *FOCUS...* PUSH HARDER...
ALL RIGHT, YA BIG APES. JUST- STAY DOWN A SECOND, OKAY?
MOM?
THE DREADED HOUR IS COME WHEN YOU MUST FACE THE ONE THING ALL HEROES AND VILLAINS TRULY FEAR.
CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE.
S-SURE. OKAY. OKAY, YOU'RE RIGHT. THIS IS--
--THIS IS *CRAZY.*
YES. YES, OF COURSE, I'M SORRY. I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAME OVER ME.
NO. NO, *DAD!* WEATHER WIZARD, HE'S-- HE'S HOLDING A--

DOES... anyone else hear a *voice...?*

SLASH

FOR SKARTARIS!

SSSSSSSSs...

WHIIIINE

ZOK

Hey. Y-Y-YOU AGAIN. WHAT WERE YOU ABOUT TO--

JAI! ARE YOU OKAY? WH-WHERE'S YOUR SISTER?

SH-SHE'S FINE, MOM. SHE'LL BE BACK REAL SOON.

WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON DOWN HERE? IS-- IS THAT GUY DEAD?

At ease, Captain Y'hli.

WE'LL DO WHAT WE CAN FOR WEATHER WIZARD, BUT... LIFE IS BRUTAL IN SKARTARIS. BRUTAL-- AND SWIFT.

SPEAKING OF WHICH-- YOU MUST BE THE FLASH? THE PROPHECIES WERE RIGHT. WITHOUT YOUR HELP, WEAKENING HIS MAGIC, WE NEVER COULD'VE STOPPED HIM.

You're welcome.

YOU'RE-- WARLORD, RIGHT?

Daaad... I'm not sure th--

"DAD"? Hmmm.

LISTEN, SONNY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY. I KNOW THIS MUST ALL SEEM REAL WEIRD--

--BUT... I'M FROM UP TOP, JUST LIKE YOU. JUST AN OLD PILOT.

NOTHING SPECIAL.

WITH *ME?*

What you **see** is what you **get.**

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AQUAMAN

INTERVIEW WITH JEREMY ADAMS

The king is back, baby! *Aquaman* stars in an all-new solo series as part of DC's All In initiative, from writer Jeremy Adams and artist John Timms. Here's word direct from Adams on why this isn't Aquaman business as usual.

Where do we find Aquaman at the start of this series?

Post Absolute Power, Atlantis is in disarray, so Arthur has reassumed his role as king in order to get the Atlantean house in order. On top of that, he's switched certain powers with Mera, giving him the ability to manipulate water, which...he doesn't really have the hang of...yet!

What kind of role do Mera and Jackson Hyde play in this series? Do we meet any new allies?

I can't really answer about Mera and Jackson... they do appear in issue one, and then after that...well...

As far as *other* allies. There will be many new and old characters that might appear as Arthur goes through the Blue.

What can you share about the threats Aquaman will face, and how will they change his status quo?

In our first issue we'll see him face off with a water kaiju, but that isn't going to be the worst of it. Water kaiju, mermaids, pirates...it's going to be wild.

How is collaborating with John Timms on charting Aquaman's new journey forward?

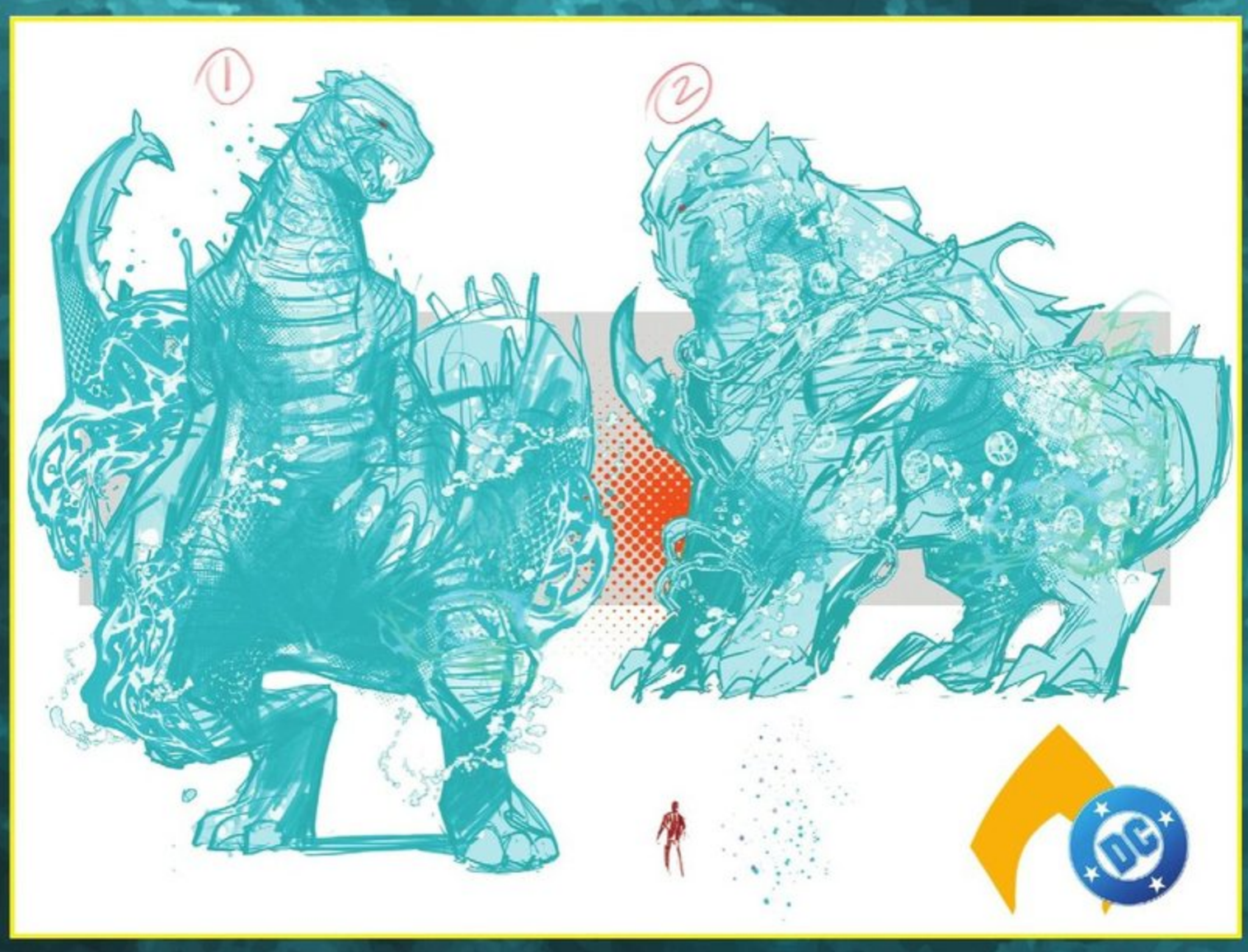
John seems to be the nicest person ever, and with his talent at the level that it is, I have become *extremely jealous* of his very existence. I want him to have fun in this book, so I'm always asking if there's something he wants to do or draw, and I hope we get a *long* run together with the King of Atlantis.

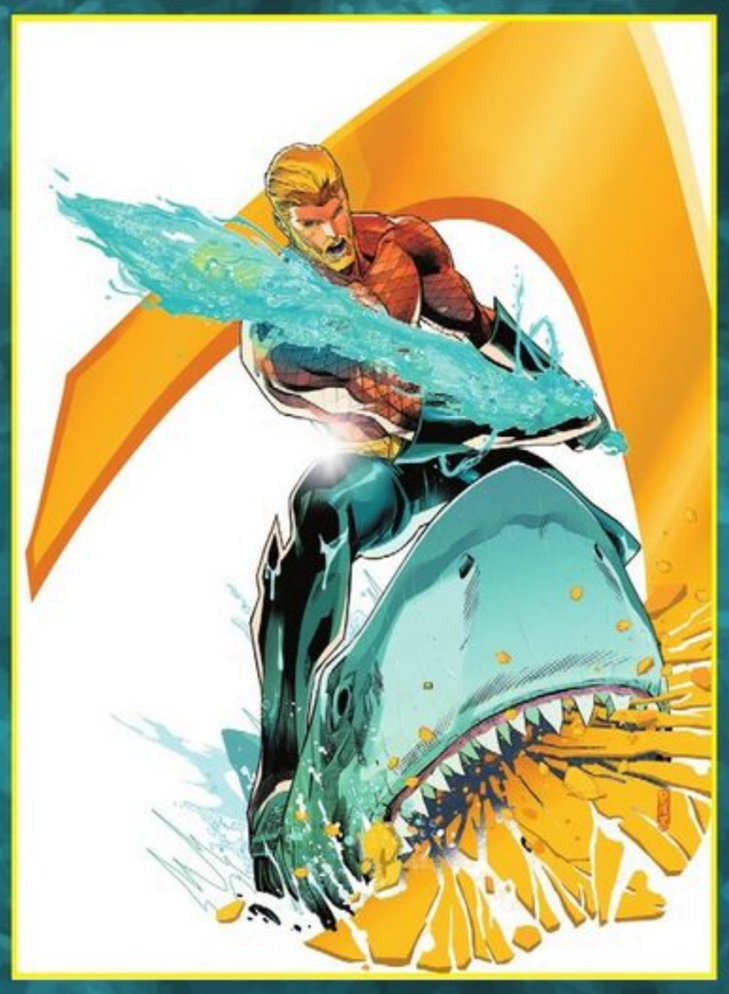
What can fans expect with Aquaman's new powers?

They can expect the unexpected. Hydrokinesis is just the start of a journey that will have long-lasting ramifications.

Which past takes on Aquaman were influential to your take on the character and his mythology?

It's strange, Aquaman has had a variety of continuities and changes, and all of them have created his incredible character that patrols the waters of Earth...but that's going to change. We're embarking on a new mythology...taking him far, far away from what he and everyone else know.





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